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SUBJECT: DRAFT REPORT ON JULY 3, 1973 GATT TARIFF

STUDY WORKING PARTY MEETING

MISSION SHOULD RELAY FOLLOWING COMMENTS TO GATT SECRETARIAT
ON SUBJECT REPORT:

1. PAGE 1, PARA 4, LAST SENTENCE: OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT
AGREEMENT REACHED ON PRESENTATION OF MFN/PREFERENTIAL TRADE
IS COMPROMISE SOLUTION TO DEFINITION OF PREFERENTIAL IM-
PORTS FOR TARIFF STUDY PURPOSES ON WHICH DECISION COULD NOT,
AND PROBABLY CANNOT, BE REACHED. THEREFORE SUGGEST DELE-
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TION OF SENTENCE OR CHANGING THE WORDS "PENDING THE DECI-

SION" TO "SINCE NO DECISION HAS BEEN REACHED."

2. PAGE 2, PARA 1, ADD FOLLOWING SENTENCE TO END OF PARA:

"ANOTHER DELEGATION STATED THEIR VIEW THAT THE FREE TRADE AREA AGREEMENTS IN QUESTION ARE NOT IN CONFORMITY WITH GATT ARTICLE XXIV."

3. PAGE 2, PARA 3, LINE 4: CHANGE THE WORDS "TRADE IS REPORTED" TO "TRADE BE REPORTED."

4. PAGE 2, FINAL PARA: SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING FOR THE LAST PARA: "IT WAS AGREED THAT A NEXT MEETING OF THE WORKING

PARTY WOULD BE TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED IN THE EARLY FALL TO DISCUSS PROPOSALS FOR TABULATIONS INTENDED TO ILLUSTRATE SPECIFIC TECHNIQUES AND MODALITIES FOR TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS, DEPENDING ON THE OUTCOME OF INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS ON THE POSSIBILITY OF AGREEMENT ON VARIOUS PROPOSALS MADE FOR ANALYSIS OF HARMONIZATION TECHNIQUES. A PROPOSAL TO DEVELOP A COEFFICIENT WHICH WOULD ALSO REFLECT THE EXTENT OF DUTY FREE ENTRY WOULD ALSO BE DISCUSSED."

IN INFORMAL DISCUSSION FOLLOWING JULY 3 MEETING, WP CHAIRMAN (COLLIANDER), EC REP (DUGIMONT), AND SECRETARIAT (TUMLIR) AGREED WITH OUR VIEW THAT LITTLE POINT IN HOLDING FURTHER MEETING UNTIL AND UNLESS POSSIBILITY OF AGREEMENT ON THE MAIN PENDING PROPOSALS FOR ANALYSES, I.E., EC HARMONIZATION TECHNIQUE AND US VARIATION TO INCLUDE PREFERENTIAL RATES. IN THIS CONNECTION REQUEST MISSION DETERMINE FROM SECRETARIAT THE PURPOSE AND AGENDA FOR WP MEETING SECRETARIAT TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR OCT. 8-12, AND THEIR TIMETABLE FOR COMPLETING UPDATED ANALYSES. RUSH

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